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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006, according to the USDA-NASS Minnesota Field Office. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
 by Month, State, and United States 2005-2006 ¹**

State	Apr 1, 2005	Mar 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2006		
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Mar
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	326	351	351	108	100
CA	500	550	535	107	97
CO	1,020	1,090	1,070	105	98
ID	240	255	250	104	98
IA	455	520	500	110	96
KS	2,340	2,610	2,590	111	99
NE	2,260	2,450	2,400	106	98
NM	113	143	139	123	97
OK	325	365	360	111	99
SD	205	210	210	102	100
TX	2,620	3,010	2,940	112	98
WA	159	154	152	96	99
Oth Sts	310	315	315	102	100
US	10,873	12,023	11,812	109	98

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2005-2006**

State	During Mar 2005	During Feb 2006	During Mar 2006		
			Number	as % of 2005	as % of Feb
			<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	27	31	30	111	97
CA	65	63	59	91	94
CO	165	150	155	94	103
ID	44	32	42	95	131
IA	55	60	55	100	92
KS	445	410	480	108	117
NE	300	330	335	112	102
NM	13	13	21	162	162
OK	61	49	68	111	139
SD	31	33	36	116	109
TX	480	360	485	101	135
WA	22	25	26	118	104
Oth Sts	42	42	45	107	107
US	1,750	1,598	1,837	105	115

United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head

